Weekly Newsletter
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 16th October 2026

Dear All

What a week!!! We had the pleasure of visitors in school on Tuesday and Wednesday for our long-awaited Ofsted. I think the lead inspector was a little unsettled to hear my excitement over the initial call on Monday, so I had to reassure her that we were truly keen to share our amazing school with them. They put us through our paces but agreed with us that St Cuthbert's is a wonderful place! The children did what they do best and shared all their thoughts and experiences, and we are so incredibly proud of them.

I want to thank you for completing the parent surveys and speaking to the visitors on the gate; they were overwhelmed by the response. I have never felt so proud to be part of such an amazing community. Your encouragement, trust and positive contribution to school life are enormously important.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to ensure that every child is supported, challenged and encouraged to flourish. I would also like to thank our governors for their continued support and commitment to the school.

We await the final report and will share it with you as soon as we are able. While we are delighted to celebrate this success, we will continue to look ahead and build upon our strengths, ensuring that we provide the very best education and opportunities for every child in our care.

In this week's Gospel we hear how Jesus responds to the Pharisees and leaders who were trying to catch Him out. The children will reflect on how they can put God first and give everything of themselves to God.

'Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."'

Matthew 22:21

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

Fair Dojo Winners:

F **faith**

A **appreciate** and **articulate**

I **independence** and **initiative**

R **respect** and **resilience**

Romeo in Reception for always being kind to his friends and taking pride in helping to keep our classroom tidy.

Lilly in Year 1 for taking responsibility for her learning by showing great independence.

Ivy in Year 2 for being really resilient in her independent work and working so hard this week!

Connie in Year 3 for showing all of the FAIR values this week, by giving 100% in her learning.

Alexander in Year 4 for working hard on his handwriting and presentation of work and always being respectful inside and outside the classroom

The whole of year 5 for respect, confidence and lovely manners which earned such positive feedback from our visitors. Well done year 5, we are so proud of you.



The Week That Was - KS1

EYFS: Reception have had a very busy and exciting week of learning! In RE, we explored the theme of kindness and learned that we should look after ourselves and others because God loves us all. The children created pictures for someone special to show kindness, took part in a fitness trail to think about keeping our bodies healthy, and enjoyed making a delicious fruit salad. In English, our focus text has been The Leaf Thief. We have enjoyed using our key vocabulary to follow clues and search for leaves and conkers in the outdoor area. The children have also loved exploring our autumn-themed tuff tray and going on an autumn walk to observe and discuss the seasonal changes around us. In Maths, we have been investigating 3D shapes and objects that roll. The children used a ramp to test different objects and made predictions about whether they would roll or stay still. We discovered that objects with curved surfaces can roll, while those with only flat faces do not. We are incredibly proud of how enthusiastically the children have engaged with their learning this week. Well done, Reception!

Year 1: This week in RE, we have been thinking about the different ways we can care for our world. We have focused particularly on how we can look after our school community and have reflected on our favourite places and the importance of caring for them.

In Maths, we have continued our learning about part-whole models and counting on. We have used a range of practical resources, including cubes, counters and number lines, to support our understanding and develop our confidence with number.

In English, we have been editing our Big Write pieces. The children have worked hard to use an editing grid to improve their writing and make positive changes to their work.

In Geography, we recalled our local walk from last week and recorded the route on a map. In Science, we spent time exploring different materials and their properties, using the vocabulary of transparent and opaque.

Well done, Year 1, for another productive week. We are very proud of all your hard work and enthusiasm for learning!

The Week That Was - KS1

Year 2: Year 2 learnt more about what Baptism is this week and the important items that you need when you are getting baptised. We then had conversations about these items and why they are important. In English this week the children wrote up their Autumn poems and put all the skills we learnt together, they then edited their own work to make it even better and helped others improve too. In Maths we have started subtracting across 10s the children have found it a little difficult but have been really resilient and kept trying. We have then been weather reporters and finding out what the weather is like across the UK. In Science we investigated good materials for certain items and had a look some different materials. The children worked so hard this week especially with having our visitors in and they really showed off their skills.

Well done Year 2, I am so proud of all of your hard work this week!

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 3: This week in Year 3, we have worked incredibly hard and made the most of every learning opportunity, even with visitors coming into school. We were very proud to show off our learning, confidence, and enthusiasm throughout the week! In RE, we took time to reflect on everything we have learned this half term, thinking about the importance of Human Dignity, Stewardship, and why the Season of Creation is such an important time for caring for God's world. In Science, we began our new topic on plants, using scientific enquiry skills to investigate the different parts of a plant and their functions. We also became scientists for the day as we investigated which materials make the best shadows, helping our superhero identify the most suitable opaque material to protect and help others. In Geography, we explored the temperate climate of the UK, discussing how it influences human activity and the changing seasons throughout the year. In Computing, we went on a scavenger hunt around the school to identify the many digital devices that make up our school network, discovering how they work together to help us communicate and learn.

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 4: What a fantastic week it has been in Year 4!

Our young authors stepped into the world of heroes by creating biographies all about Beowulf. They have worked incredibly hard on their research and writing skills and are already excited to begin writing biographies about a famous person of their own choice next week. In Maths, we tackled subtraction with exchanges, using practical manipulatives to help us visualise our learning and deepen our understanding. It was wonderful to see the children explaining their methods with growing confidence. Our budding scientists explored how everyday household materials change when they are heated, cooled, and frozen. There were lots of thoughtful predictions, observations, and scientific discussions throughout the week. In RE, the classroom was filled with music as we learned and performed a song about the story of Abraham. The children sang enthusiastically and enjoyed bringing the story to life together. PE lessons were full of energy as we developed our skipping skills. The highlight was working in pairs to skip in perfect sync, requiring teamwork, determination, and plenty of smiles!

A special mention must go to Year 4 for the outstanding impression they made during conversations with the Ofsted inspectors this week. They showcased their learning with confidence, enthusiasm, and maturity, demonstrating the excellent attitudes we see every day in the classroom. I could not be prouder of them.

Well done, Year 4. You have been absolute superstars! □

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 5: This week has been a whirlwind for our children and have they been incredible learners who deserve a good rest this weekend. In RE, the class learnt about sin and how this is spoiling our friendship with God. This linked well with last week's lessons of learning how to love your neighbour. In English, the class have been constructing a guided write based on information texts. They have worked together as a class to create ideas based on the guided reading 'Rooftoppers' book, whilst also learning how to use causal adverbs. In Maths, the class have started a new unit based on multiplication and division. The learning kick started with a lesson on common multiples. In Art, the children tested different methods of creating portraits. This is planning ahead of next week's final piece lesson. It was the final Geography lesson on Tuesday and the class looked at changes in Englefield Green, made careful notes and observations of changes over time.

Year 6: We cannot wait to hear all about year 6's PGL adventures when they return to school on Monday.

Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school everyday.

Bottles must contain plain water only, not squash or juice.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Diary Dates—Autumn Term 1 & 2

School Photographs (individual and sibling)	Monday, 19th October 2026 - Smartest school uniform to be worn. Year 6 to bring PE kit in a separate bag.
CAFOD Harvest Fundraiser — Mufti Day (children to wear own clothes)	Wednesday, 21st October 2026
Half Term	Friday, 23rd October— Monday, 2nd November 2026 (7 school days off)
Deadline for Year 7 secondary school applications	Saturday, 31st November 2026
Second half of Autumn Term starts (children back in at 8:40am)	Tuesday, 3rd November 2026
Year 6 Junior Citizen at Thorpe Park	Wednesday, 4th November 2026
Year 3 Stone Age Workshop	Wednesday, 4th November 2026
Year 4 Egyptian Workshop	Thursday, 5th November 2026
Month of Holy Souls Mass—School Hall (parents welcome)	Thursday, 5th November 2026, 09:00 am
Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop	Monday, 9th November 2026
Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop	Tuesday, 10th November 2026
Year 2 Trip to Bishopsgate School—Sporting Afternoon	Thursday, 12th November 2026



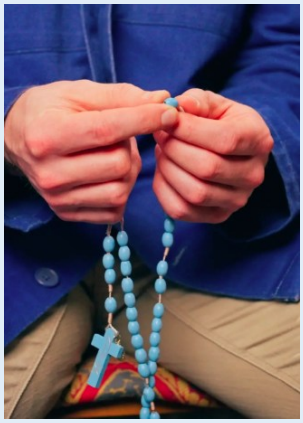
Diary Dates—Autumn Term 2

Diwali Workshop—All Years	Friday, 13th November 2026
Odd Socks Day	Monday, 16th November 2026
Flu Vaccinations (All Years) and Heights & Weights (EYFS & Year 6)	Monday, 16th November 2026
Mufti Day—Bring a bottle (PTA)	Thursday, 19th November 2026
School Christmas Fair 12:00pm—3:00pm	Sunday, 22nd November 2026
St Cecilia House Day	Tuesday,24th November 2026
INSET Day—School closed to all pupils	Monday, 30th November 2026
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Tuesday, 1st December 2026, 09:00am
Year 6 Reconciliation in School	Tuesday, 1st December 2026
Years 3,4 & 5 Reconciliation in School	Thursday, 3rd December 2026



Month of the Rosary

In October, we celebrate the month of the Rosary.



Mark's Mission KS2 Rosary Challenge

All children are invited to pray in class with Rosary beads using the Mark's Mission challenge. You can join in at home if you wish, with the following link.

https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge

Rosary Beads

Children are welcome to bring in their own Rosary beads from home, but please do bear in mind our rule of 'lost, broken, stolen' when it comes to bringing in items from home. In school, we do have enough Rosary beads for every child to use them.

Monday Prayers

On a Monday break time, children are encouraged by the prayer leaders to join in with a decade of the Rosary in the prayer garden.

Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors are invited to have a spruce up of Our Lady's Prayer Garden to make it look nice and tidy for children to be able to focus and say their prayers.

Parish of Weybridge:



Download the latest newsletter here:

https://poegham.wordpress.com/category/newsletters/

SCHOOL SIF FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign school SIF forms in the parish office (in the Jurgens Centre) for **secondary admissions only** at this stage:

Thurs 15th Oct 4.30 – 5.00pm

Tues 20th Oct 7.00 – 7:30pm

Sat 24th Oct 11:15 – 11:45am

He will be on a course just before the deadline for applications **27th – 29th October**, so please mark a slot in your diary now, and just turn up (no prior booking). If needs be, he will of course stay on beyond the times given.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Thursday, 26th Nov, 6pm Jurgens Centre

All parents interested in enrolling their child on the 2027 First Holy Communion programme are welcome to this year's Registration evening. Your child must be currently Y3 or older and be baptised Catholic. Please come along to learn more about the programme and to register. Bring along your child's Baptism certificate. The programme runs from January to June. We look forward to meeting the families for the upcoming programme. This session runs best as adult-only to ensure all information is able to be delivered clearly, so please do your best to find childcare for your child. Many thanks. fhc.egham@abdiocese.org.uk

St Cuthbert's Wish List

Our school wish list has now been updated with items that our teachers have requested to support and enrich the children's learning experiences.

If you are able help at all, please use the link below to find our wish list on Amazon. Please note that there is no need to purchase a gift box.

Thank you very much for your generosity. Your support makes a real difference and is very much valued.

https://amzn.eu/0bY0MI8E

Wake Up Wednesday



Before & After School Clubs



Please check with each individual club to confirm when their sessions finish before half-term and when they resume after the half-term break.

NEW School Club

****ART CLUB****

Brand new club

Starting on Mon 9th Nov

Mondays 3:20 pm—4:20 pm

Years 1 -6



Come and join Art Club!

It's so much fun, we paint, we draw, we model make, and collage and so much more. Each week we have a project and you get to take your work of art home!

Monday 9th November – Monday 14th December

(excluding inset days)

3.20-4.30pm

(5 weeks £54)

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Email Michele Sebastiano

artclub.surrey@gmail.com

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An ensemble perfect for complete beginners to explore a range of brass instruments, try something new and discover the fun of making music together.
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School years 4, 5 and 6
Strodes College, Egham
£21.38 per month
Free instrument hire
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surreycc.gov.uk/music

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Scouts
CALLING ADVENTURERS!
Aged 6 – 9 years & interested in Scouting?
Or wanting to get involved in volunteering?
If so come along to our
OPEN EVENING
BONFIRE & BBQ
FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER
6.30 – 8.00pm
@ the Scout Hut, Kings Lane,
Englefield Green
Come along to meet the group, chat with our leaders and find out more about joining
Limited spaces for new Beavers (6 - 8 year olds), Cubs (8 - 10 ½ year olds) and volunteer leaders needed

Flyers:



Confidence Building **FUN**

We loved seeing your child shine at our
Perform drama workshop today.
And guess what, it's just the beginning...

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Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability.

They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

"I cannot recommend these classes enough! It has done wonders for my children's confidence, self-expression and social skills." ★★★★★ Maria Smith

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

Try a **FREE CLASS** at your nearest venue

Perform Virginia Water
Mondays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s).
Virginia Water Community Association, Virginia Water Community Centre, GU25 4EY

Perform Staines
Saturdays at 9.30am (4-7s), 11.15am (7-12s).
Staines Preparatory School And Nursery, 3-5 Gresham Road, TW18 2BT

Perform Windsor
Fridays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s).
Upton House School, 115 St. Leonards Road, SL4 3DF

Until 1 Dec, new joiners can use SCCR011226 for a £40 introductory discount.

BOOK A FREE CLASS

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Find your nearest class online or call us:

perform.org.uk/d4a
020 7255 9120

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Runnymede
Family Centre
Half Term
SENSORY ART EXPLORERS
Join us for a fun sensory art session
for families with children
age 3-10 years
Free to attend!
Booking essential
Thursday 22nd October
10:30-11:30am
AT TESCO COMMUNITY ROOM
ADDLESTONE KT15 2AS
For more information and to book please email:
runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
or call 01932 901488
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Family Centre
Half Term
SENSORY PLAY SESSION
Join us for a fun sensory play session
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Booking essential
Tuesday 27th October
10:30-11:30am
Runnymede Family Centre
The Poplars, Queen Mary's Drive
New Haw, KT15 3TT
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Runnymede Family Centre

Keeping Your Child in Mind

A course for parents to find new ways to work together to support growing families.

Do you want to:

- Understand you child's behaviour?
- Find new ways to deal with challenges?
- Learn how relationships impact children?
- Have a calmer and happier life?

4 week face to face course
Thursdays 7:00pm - 9:00pm
12th Nov - 3rd Dec 2026

Please register your interest by email or telephone:

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Runnymede Family Centre

The Poplars, Queen Mary's Drive, New Haw KT15 3TT

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Halliford School
SHEPPERTON
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Friday 6th & Tuesday 10th November 9 am
Register for your place at Halliford School before our Admissions deadline of Monday 16th November 2026
Click to register
Independent Senior Day School | Boys 11-18 years | Girls 16-18 years


COME AS YOU ARE. GO AS HALLIFORD YOU CAN BE.
Halliford School
SHEPPERTON
Saturday Adventure Series
for boys in Years 4, 5 and 6
Saturday 14th November 2026
Parents welcome for refreshments at 11.45 am
Experience life as a Hallifordian with a morning packed full of new friendships and excitement.
Choose from 3 activities:
Art: I, Robot
Design & Technology and History: The Great 1066 Showdown
Music: Soundscapes Unleashed
Click here to book your Saturday Adventure

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Scholarship assessments will take place on 16 and 18 November, followed by our 11+ Entrance Assessment Day on Friday 20 November.

THE MARIST SCHOOL ASCOT

Admissions Team

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